

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET**

## **Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services**

*This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Eleventh Worcester Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2002.*

### **Residents of Eleventh Worcester Representative District**

#### **Characteristics of Admissions**

In FY 2002, there were 124,539 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; 1% (1,385) of these admissions reside in the Eleventh Worcester Representative District. 1% (12) of admissions from the Eleventh Worcester Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2002, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Eleventh Worcester Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 76% were male and 24% were female.
- 71% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 69% were white non-Latino, 7% were black non-Latino, 19% were Latino, and 5% were other racial categories.
- 73% were never married, 10% were married, and 17% reported not to be married now.
- 33% had less than high school education, 45% completed high school, and 22% had more than high school education.
- 11% were employed.
- 58% were homeless.
- 16% had prior mental health treatment.

#### **Primary Substance of Use**

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which they seek treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Eleventh Worcester Representative District.

<b>Table 1</b>					
<b>Primary Drug by District and State FY 2002</b>					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	26%	63%	2%	3%	3%
State	45%	37%	6%	4%	3%

#### **Substances Used in Past Year**

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

<b>Table 2</b> <b>Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2002</b> <b>Eleventh Worcester Representative District</b>							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
<b>FY '95</b>	341	290	84	119	92	117	79
<b>FY '96</b>	524	401	181	220	158	271	201
<b>FY '97</b>	531	377	156	208	118	272	231
<b>FY '98</b>	403	302	119	117	66	151	109
<b>FY '99</b>	381	314	128	128	73	159	122
<b>FY '00</b>	509	373	164	183	109	277	213
<b>FY '01</b>	597	444	152	184	117	325	244
<b>FY '02</b>	1,385	806	277	370	235	969	731